

to prevent all floods, we can see some mitigation from the effects of flooding due to Whitney Point Lake and dam this year.

Since Whitney Point Lake was completed in 1942, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' project has prevented more than \$717 million in potential flood damage.

For its continued benefits both to the local and downstream communities, as well as the hundreds of thousands that enjoy its recreational opportunities, it is an honor today to recognize the 75th anniversary of Whitney Point Lake and dam.

#### RECOGNIZING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIXTH MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

(Mr. McEACHIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. McEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a pillar of the Richmond community. This year, Richmonders and parishioners celebrate the 150th anniversary of Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church has been a central institution in our community since its founding in 1867 by Reverend John Jasper. The church was founded in an abandoned Confederate horse stable on Brown's Island and, since then, has been a pillar of our community.

The long history of supporting the community has continued under the leadership of six distinguished leaders, including the current pastor, Reverend Tyrone Nelson.

Reverend Nelson is a fellow alumnus of Virginia Union University's Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, a member of Henrico County Board of Supervisors, and a longtime friend.

Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church has addressed the social concerns of the city's residents and was one of the first Black churches to have an organized charity with a staff social worker available to help our community.

Mr. Speaker, Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church continues to assist community members with resources necessary to overcome life's obstacles.

I pray that Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church will thrive in our community for another 150 years.

#### FIRES IN THE WEST

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, appropriately and necessarily, we will be addressing the issue of Hurricane Harvey and its devastating effects on Texas, Louisiana, and our American colleagues down there. But also we have a crisis going on in the West. Tens of thousands of acres of our forests are going up in smoke this year just like every year. The inability of the Forest

Service to act due to lawsuits and lack of will is inexcusable.

Our people are suffering in the West as well: Montana, tens of thousands of acres; northern California and many other areas. It ruins the habitat, it ruins the air quality, it ruins the water quality, and it ruins the people's assets of what they own in their Federal land and the Forest Service.

It eliminates jobs. It is harmful to our part of the country. We need to do something about this crisis that happens every year and is happening right now to the people of the West, to the habitat of the West, and to our natural lands.

Mr. Speaker, we must take action very soon on this and not continue to ignore it. It is hardly even in the news of what a devastating effect this is of wildfire every year in our forests in our Western States.

#### FIRES IN OREGON

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I support my friend from California in urging that this body focus on this crisis in the West. With the outrage that has happened with the DACA students and with the tragedy in Houston, there are lots of things to occupy our time. But the firefighting in the West has impacted thousands of people. I have people who are forced to evacuate in my community.

We have 24 large fires in Montana, 19 in Oregon, and 17 in California. But what is really outrageous is that the Republican leadership in the House refuses to treat these disasters the same way we would treat Hurricane Harvey or Hurricane Katrina being able to put disaster funding on the table.

We are going to completely exhaust those resources in a matter of days, and then we are going to cannibalize the Forest Service budget that could be used to strengthen forest protections, put people to work, and avoid problems in the future. That is outrageous.

We have bipartisan legislation that would pass if the Republican leadership would allow it on the floor of the House. But at a minimum, we should not have any disaster relief that doesn't have money for these tragic fires in the West.

#### LET US VOTE ON DACA

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today the Trump administration announced that it intends to crush the hopes of 800,000 DREAMers and cause them to live in fear each and every day, because that is what ending the DACA program will do.

Despite his many promises and saying that he has a heart, the President

is persecuting young people who have done nothing more than come to this country in their parents' arms. They know no other language. They know no other country.

Ending the DACA program is opposed by the leadership of both parties and by the majorities in both Chambers. It is opposed by the clear majority of the American people.

But this Congress can do something to fix this. I am confident that if we put the BRIDGE Act, the American Hope Act, and the American Dream Act on the floor, if the Republican leaders would allow a vote, then it would pass.

DACA is in our court now. Let's have a vote and keep this lifeline to the American Dream alive.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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#### LCWR ASSEMBLY STATEMENT ON U.S.-DPRK CRISIS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, during World War II, a wise admonition from our military read: "Loose lips sink ships." In other words, beware of unguarded talk.

Of late, our world has witnessed an unprecedented escalation in tension with North Korea and its deranged tyrant, including North Korea's recent firing of a missile over Japan. Yet President Trump's reaction to the ongoing North Korean crisis has been an unguarded yielding of dangerous words of war. His improvised remarks have stunned experts, allies, and even his own advisers.

Instead of thorough diplomatic pressure and international consensus building, President Trump has done the opposite. His unpredictable rhetoric lacks strategic thought. It puts American troops stationed in South Korea and our regional allies at greater risk.

This administration is understaffing the State Department, weakening its ability to handle the sort of diplomacy I am speaking of. In the President's 2018 budget, the State Department is really an afterthought, with major accounts cut to the bone.

Thankfully, there are voices of reason, including the respected Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD their statement against fear-mongering and advising dialogue is more productive than rhetoric, and connection more transformative than threats of destruction.

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This week, while tensions between the governments of the United States and the People's Republic of Korea quickly escalated,